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IMPETUS FOR FOREIGN TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of foreign tourists visited the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of the funds allocated to the Ministry to give mush needed fillip to improve inflow to tourists across the globe during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the details of the foreign exchange earned due to the inflow of foreign tourists in the above said period;

(d) whether any special scheme or programme been implemented during the last three years to draw more foreign tourists to India;and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. KANTI SINGH)

(a) and (c): The number of foreign tourist arrivals (FTAs) and foreign exchange earnings (FEE) from tourism in India during 2005 to 2007 and 2008 (upto September) are given below:

Year	FTAs (in million)	FEE (in Rupees crore)
2005	3.92	33123
2006	4.45	39025
2007	5.08	44360
2008 (upto September)	3.87#	36464

Provisional, Revised Estimate, Advance Estimate

(b): The Budget Estimates of Ministry of Tourism for 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 are as under:-

Financial Year	Budget Estimate (Rupees crore)
2005-06	828.20

2006-07 872.82

2007-08 996.62

2008-09 1047.00

(d) and (e): The important schemes/programmes implemented by the Government to attract more foreign tourists to India include integrated development of tourist infrastructure at tourist circuits and destinations,growth of hotel infrastructure particularly budget hotels,augmentation of air capacity,enhancing availability of skilled manpower,according greater focus in emerging markets particularly in the regions of China,North-East Asia and South-East Asia,and international publicity campaigns through the electronic and print media.